OFFICERS' REPORTS

OF THE

COUNTY OF BELKNAP

FROM

January 1 to December 31,

1897.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

COUNTY OF BELKNAP

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE COUNTY FARM, SHERIFF, COUNTY TREASURER, JAILER, PHYSICIAN, CLERK OF THE COURTS AND COUNTY SOLICITOR.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.

LACONIA, N. H.,:
PRESS OF WEEKS BROTHERS.
1897.

County Officers.

COMMISSIONERS,

JOSEPH F. SMITH, Meredith.
GEORGE C. PARSONS, Gilmanton.
ORRIN D. HUSE, Sanbornton.

TREASURER,

MARK M. ROBINSON, Laconia.

SOLICITOR,

FRANK M. BECKFORD, Laconia.

SHERIFF,

CHARLES F. LOCKE, Laconia.

CLERK OF SUPREME COURT,

EDWIN P. THOMPSON, Belmont.

JUDGE OF PROBATE,

WILLIAM B. FELLOWS, Tilton.

REGISTER OF PROBATE,

EDWARD S. COOK, Laconia.

REGISTER OF DEEDS,

MARTIN B. PLUMMER, Laconia.

AUDITORS,

A. J. PILLSBURY, Tilton. E. P. THOMPSON, Laconia.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY FARM AND DEPUTY JAILER,

CHARLES D. THYNG.

PHYSICIAN,

At County Farm, HENRY C. WELLS.

Proceedings of the County Convention.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 13, 1897.

The representatives of the various towns of the county met in convention, as required by law, and organized as follows: Chairman, Stephen S. Jewett; secretary, Samuel H. Martin.

Meeting then adjourned until the call of chairman.

SAMUEL H. MARTIN, Secretary.

A true copy. Attest: SAMUEL H. MARTIN, Secretary.

LACONIA, N. H., Feb. 5, 1897.

Convention met at Court House, S. S. Jewett in chair.

Commissioner Sanders recommended an appropriation of $30,000 for 1897, and the same amount for 1898.

Commissioners Smith and Parsons recommended an appropriation of $23,000 for 1897, and the same amount for 1898.

On motion of Clough of Alton, the Convention voted unanimously that the County Commissioners be authorized and directed to construct a suitable brick boiler-house, separate and apart from the other buildings, and that the boilers be there removed and connected with the other buildings, and that a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars be appropriated for the same.

On motion of Martin of Laconia, voted to defer action on other appropriations to some subsequent meeting of the convention.

Meeting then adjourned until call of chairman.

SAMUEL H MARTIN, Secretary.

A true copy. Attest: SAMUEL H. MARTIN, Secretary.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 24, 1897.

Convention met at State House and Mr. Smith of Meredith was chosen Chairman, pro tem.

On motion of Tilton of Laconia, the convention voted that the county taxes for the year 1897 shall be $25,000 and for the year 1898 shall be $27,500.

On motion of McGloughlin of Laconia, Elmer S. Tilton and David B. Story, both of Laconia, were appointed County Auditors.

On motion of Gerald of Belmont, a committee of two were appointed to act in conjunction with the chairman of the County Commissioners to investigate the necessity of changing the location of the boilers at the County Farm and ascertain the probable cost thereof and report to the Convention at a future meeting.

Meeting then adjourned until the call of chairman.

SAMUEL H. MARTIN, Secretary.

A true copy. Attest: SAMUEL H. MARTIN, Secretary

CONCORD, N. H , Mar. 17, 1897.

Delegation met on call of Chairman S. S. Jewett.

Commissioner Sanders made report showing plans and specifications of boiler-house, re-piping, etc.

Mr. Story of Laconia moved that the sum of one thousand dollars be added to the previous appropriation for boiler-house, making a total appropriation of twenty-five hundred dollars for said purpose. Passed unanimously.

Voted that a committee of three be appointed to act in conjunction with the commissioners. Chairman appointed Story, Plummer and McGloughlin.

Moved by Gerald of Belmont, that the previous vote on ap-

propriations be re-considered, lost as question of quorum was raised.

Meeting adjourned to Mar. 18, 1897.

F. H. SMITH, Clerk, *pro tem.*

A true copy. Attest: SAMUEL H. MARTIN, Secretary.

CONCORD, N. H., Mar. 18, 1897.

Convention met, S. S. Jewett in chair.

On motion of Story of Laconia, voted that the sum of one thousand dollars be added to the previous appropriation for county taxes for the year 1897, and that the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars be added to the previous appropriation for the year 1898.

On motion of Smith of Meredith, the Convention voted to authorize the County Commissioners to make with Alfred W. Abbott a permanent agreement for the maintenance of a common driveway between his property and the Court House, as the same has now been constructed and concreted under a temporary agreement; and also to convey to him the small piece of the county's land on his side of the driveway and accept from him a conveyance of the small piece of his land on the court house side of the driveway.

Meeting adjourned.

SAMUEL H. MARTIN, Secretary.

A true copy. Attest: SAMUEL H. MARTIN, Secretary.

Commissioners' Report.

In compliance with the laws of the state the annual report of the commissioners is herewith submitted, together with the reports of the superintendent of the county farm, treasurer, clerk of the Supreme court, solicitor, sheriff, jailer, physician and auditors.

The appropriation for the current year was $26,000—$10,500 less than the previous year. The extra appropriation of $2,500 for the erection of a new boiler house and removal of boilers is still in the treasury, as your commissioners have been unable to let the contract for doing the work within the limits of this amount, the lowest estimate being $4,950.

The amount paid out by the commissioners for the support of external poor for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897, was $14 593.48, an increase over 1896 of $2,809.75. This increase was caused partly by a change in the public statutes by the last legislature, bringing the time of settlement up to within ten years of date of application, throwing nearly all paupers supported by the city and towns onto the county; and the amount paid the city of Laconia during the winter months was excessive, owing largely to the shutting down of the car shops and many of the mills. The first six months there was paid out in Laconia $4,738.30, and the last six months $3,161.59, making the whole amount for the city of Laconia $7,899.89 – about the same as all the other towns combined. Most of this aid has been rendered to people with large families, that were out of work.

The county farm has been continued under the efficient management of the superintendent and matron, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Thyng. We have made a much-needed addition to the barn, building fifty feet onto the north end, with basement for piggery, thus affording ample room for all stock and plenty of room for storage. A silo has been built, the old part of the barn reshingled and the barn and carriage house painted—all at an expense of $1,260.99. You now have as good, if not the best, barn in Belknap county.

In taking the annual inventory your commissioners have conformed to the present market value, and, by so doing, have reduced the valuation of the personal property about $1,000, but we cannot see any sense in carrying articles at a high valuation simply to make the books look well. We believe that every taxpayer should know, as nearly as possible, what the county has. We also present, in the superintendent's report, an itemized list, with prices, of articles that make up this inventory.

We also give you a statement of the different items of expense to the county for the year, as follows:

STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1897.

Paid the several towns for support of paupers	$10,794.98	
Paid the several towns for support of dependent soldiers	2,754.04	
Paid N. H. Asylum for Insane, support of paupers	452.53	
Paid State Industrial School	591.93	
Whole amount paid for external poor .		$14,593.48
Paid Sheriff deputies and messengers .		842.49
" County Officers, salaries paid by Commissioners		522.00

Paid Albert Colby, coroner's inquests		$ 48.17
" J. S. Chase, salary as janitor of Court House	420.00	
Paid J. S. Chase, cash paid out . . .	30.89	
" for stationery, blank books and printing for the several offices at the Court House	295.46	
Paid for coal at Court House	423.50	
" " repairs on Court House . . .	112.13	
" " supplies, such as gas, electric light, water etc.	169.75	
Total expense at Court House . . .		1,451.73
Paid Laconia Press Association, printing reports	45.00	
Paid Laconia Press Association, Vida Williams case	6.70	
		51.70
Paid Albin, Martin and Howe, judgment in M. J. Carroll case		69.90
Paid W. B. Fellows, council fees . .	25.00	
" F. M. Beckford, " . . .	25.00	
		50.00
Paid cost and expense capturing jail breakers		69.20
Paid for re-indexing records	157.50	
" " indexing records	259.75	
		417.25
Paid C. D. Thyng and wife, salary . .	800.00	
" " farm use	7,050.00	
" " new barn account .	1,260.99	
Paid insurance on County Farm buildings	330.00	

Paid H. C. Wells, medical contract at farm	75.00	
Paid L. S. Perley, repairs on wind mill	14.00	
" Charles F. Locke, paint for County Farm buildings	72.35	
Paid C. D. Thyng; jailer, board of prisoners	820.00	
Total expense at County Farm . . .		10,422.34
Paid Geo. B. Cox. ½ fine State vs. P. Maloney		25.00
Paid H. C. Wells, ½ medical contract 1896		37.50
Paid A. W. Wilcox, moving fixtures for Court House in 1896		15.35
Paid O. R. Woodman, apprehension and convicting tramp		10.00
Paid for repairs on jail in 1896 . . .		253.50
" " miscellaneous expenses . . .		195.06
		$29,074.67

Paid for Support of External Poor for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

ALTON.

Frank E. Nelson	$ 20.02	
Margaret Rines' children	36.00	
James Frye	7.50	
Insane Asylum, Alfaretta Flanders	203.21	
M. V. B. Stevens	143.85	
Frank Clark	70.94	
Emma Peavy	27.00	
Calvin H. Flanders	144.90	
Sarah Collins	46.02	
Benj Thompson	1.00	
Levi B. Glidden	6.75	
Mrs. Wm. Jones	185.50	
Clark Perkins	18.14	
A. R. Morrison	3.00	
Sarah Rand	60.44	
Rosella Blakely	24.27	
Transient	94.68	
Dependent soldiers and families	602.13	
		$1,695.35

BARNSTEAD.

Frank A. Maxfield	$ 56.90	
G. H. Hawley, M. D., one-half medical contract and medicine furnished	95.60	

Frank Parsley	$ 45.10	
L. Clark, M. D., one-half medical contract,	62.50	
Transient	1.00	
		$ 261.10

BELMONT.

Lydia A. Johnson	$ 75.00	
Nancy Dockham	66.70	
Bunker boy	35 00	
L. Trickey	2 76	
A. S. Bolster, one-half medical contract and and medicine furnished	41.50	
Dependent soldiers and families	46.00	
		$ 266 96

CENTER HARBOR.

Miss Curry	$ 29.50	
Harry George	48.00	
Dependent soldiers and families	30.00	
		$ 107.50

GILFORD.

N. H. Orphans' Home, Willey boys	$ 162.00	
Lyman Thompson	258.14	
Mrs. John Thompson	61.49	
		$ 481.63

GILMANTON.

Sarah A. Webster	$ 128.00	
Laura A. Page	56.00	
Addie Evans	84.65	
Blanche Adams	84.65	
Mrs. Greenough	21.82	
Charles N. Glines	9.00	
Greenough children	43.60	

George Haskel	$ 25.69	
F. P. Hutchinson	6.07	
Mrs. Glines	88.97	
Orlando Fogg	15.00	
Austin York	22.00	
Transient	2.00	
Dependent soldiers and families	342.55	
Mary J. Sleeper	26.00	
		$ 956.00

LACONIA.

Mathew Mooney	$ 86.04
Mrs. Wm. Lewis	79.50
Mary A. Severance	65.00
Julia Shute	60.00
Sarah Gilford	60.00
Cora Campbell and children	93.50
Mary Gault	21.80
D. B. Leavitt	65.00
Josie Bruno	59.00
Lewis Dockham	27.00
Mrs. Anthony	109.83
Poric Child	17.50
Nat Aldrich	105.97
Mrs. Savage	8.00
Charles Shabbott	77.00
Xava Tonguay	30.00
Emil Gongue	21.00
Mrs. Evans	69.40
Mrs. Dagenais	81.67
Insane Asylum aid to Mary Black	227.55
" " Wm. Black	52.00
Apphia Crafts	5.00

Lewis Davison	$ 47.80	
Cora Young	33.00	
Kate Leavitt	67.08	
Thomas Laroke	11.00	
H. Bolin Child	8.00	
Samuel Green	20.50	
Mrs. Pickard	6.25	
D. B. Roberts	14.17	
John Nixon	37.51	
N. H. Asylum, aid to Anna Drowns	48.70	
" " Austin E. Stanyan	9.71	
Tom Jock	4.00	
Lewis Gonier	22.00	
Mrs. Mary Severns	35.00	
Mrs. Pendeville	2.48	
L. Cheney	2.85	
G. D. Roby	3.03	
Lewis Blake	17.50	
N. H. Industrial School, board of children	546.43	
Dr. J. G. Quimby, medical contracts	162.50	
Drs. A.W. & C.S. Abbott, medical contracts	100.00	
Dr. J. N. Letourneau, "	325.45	
Transient	4,057.71	
Dependent soldies and families	895.46	
		$7,899.89

MEREDITH.

Mrs. Lewis	$ 54.00
Josephine Swain	11.00
Harley Horn	66.97
Woodruff Palmer	41.25
Hannah Wiggin	74.50
W. W. Blake	5.00
Frank P. Smith	41.00

Charles Clark	$ 10.00	
Mrs. Dockham	36.70	
Benj. Prescott	36.44	
Mrs. John B. Swain	25.00	
Mrs. Emma Ladd	52.00	
H. S. Davis, medical contract and medicines furnished	101.85	
Transient	28.85	
Dependent soldiers and families	544.61	
		$1,129.17

NEW HAMPTON.

Benjamin Evans	$ 78.00	
George Bliss	42.00	
George Watson	42.35	
David Stevens	33.80	
Nancy Webster	274.50	
Plummer Chase family	68.94	
Transient	16.35	
Dependent soldiers and families	61.00	
		$ 616.94

SANBORNTON.

Edwin Johnson	$ 6.35	
Eliza Parker	37.00	
Henry Davison	49.24	
John Gallagher	62 75	
George B. Ranlett	45.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lovering	57.29	
Mrs. M. J. Whitehouse	104.00	
George Horn	7.01	
John Quinn	34.50	
Transient	54.67	
Dependent soldiers and families	165.92	
		$ 653.73

TILTON.

Henry Burnham	$201.08	
Industrial School, Thompson boy	45.50	
Gonic family	11.75	
Mrs. Truckee	16.19	
Joe Guyott	14.25	
Mrs. Hooper	8.25	
Transient	161.82	
Dependent soldiers and families	66.37	
		$ 525.21

RECAPITULATION.

To amount of orders drawn on the Treasurer for support of external poor		$14,593.48
Amount paid town of Alton	$1,695.35	
" " Barnstead	261.10	
" " Belmont	266.96	
" " Center Harbor	107.50	
" " Gilford	481.63	
" " Gilmanton	956.00	
" " City of Laconia	7,899.89	
" " Meredith	1,129.17	
" " New Hampton	616.94	
" " Sanbornton	653.73	
" " Tilton	525.21	
		$14,593 48

JOSEPH F SMITH,
GEORGE C. PARSONS,
ORRIN D. HUSE,
} Commissioners of Belknap County.

Report of Supt. of County Farm.

From Jan. 1 to June 30, 1897,

RECEIPTS.

From County Treasurer	$3,750.00	
For board of sundry persons	149.40	
From town of Tilton, board of prisoners	46.00	
From Merrimack county, board of prisoners	12.00	
From City of Laconia, board of prisoners	316.89	
For wood	112.50	
For hay sold	43.19	
For pigs	53.00	
For fines	91.05	
For goods sold	10.85	
		$4,584.88

EXPENDITURES.

Paid box rent	$ 1 05
George H. Mitchell, lamps	1.56
R. F. Moore, veterinary	4.00
Freight bill	4.75
Belknap Republican	1.00
Laconia Lumber Works	157.55
W. D. Huse, repairs on boiler	6.46
J. C. Russell, grain	44.75
Thomas O'Shea, furniture	9.99
Laconia Hardware Co.	90.29
E. L. Hearn, shoes	56.33
Perley & Mathews, wood	582.37

Paid	H. J. Phillips, undertaker	$ 29.00
	Jacob May, clothing	124.24
	George A. Sanders	64.53
	for three cows	120.00
	" yarding wood	250.00
	" yoke of oxen	105.00
	Lougee Bros., dry goods	24.92
	Orman T. Lougee, clothing	41.13
	J. H. Story, medicines	84 98
	F. O. Wallace, sundry items	1.40
	Lord Brothers, spectacles	2.10
	J. L. Moore & Son, curtains	6.30
	Greenough, Adams & Cushing, stat'n'y	5.00
	Jacob Sanborn, beef	24.47
	H. F. Rublee, wagon	75.00
	Thompson & Hoague, locks	1.25
	American Harrow Co.	61.00
	C. R. Pease, rep. sewing machine	2.00
	D. K. Marsh, dray	5.00
	Jacob Sanborn, potatoes	4.80
	F. M. Sanborn, phosphate	28.00
	News and Critic	1.00
	Water Company	175.00
	J. H. Mitchell, blacksmith	5.73
	J. P. Atkinson, groceries	49.92
	F. E. Nelson, crockery	18.82
	Perkins & Titus, shoes	7.00
	New England Telephone	6.05
	Rowe Bros., groceries	514.69
	J. P. M. Brown, syrup	7.40
	Knight & Huntress, dry goods	54.84
	Oriental Tea Co.	33.21
	Foster & Sleeper, medicines	37.97

Paid Wallace Bros., masons	$ 9.60	
O'Shea Bros., dry goods	34.43	
C. H. Martin, medicines	29.50	
City Market, groceries	27.46	
Taylor & Quimby, blacksmiths	2.50	
C. Maher, Daily Union	2.00	
J. S Morrill, grain	162.99	
S. D. McGloughlin, blacksmith	30.01	
John Parker Smith, groceries	60.19	
J. P. Pitman & Co., groceries	13.96	
H. J. Odell, groceries	7.00	
E. P. Osgood, repairing sled, etc.	5.50	
Cole Manufacturing Co., brick	2.75	
C. H. Odell, phosphate	32.00	
S. Griffin, butchering	5.25	
I. Gilbert, rakes	1.60	
Cash paid for goods	143.14	
Robert Briggs, labor	25.00	
C. H. Horn, labor	39.00	
J. C. Moses and wlfe, labor	271.50	
David Green, labor	156.00	
N. F. Joslyn, labor	87.00	
Ida M. Batchelder, labor	45.00	
A. D. Thyng, labor	54.00	
Cora H. Thyng, labor	47.00	
Emma Pitman, labor	40.00	
Bert Goodwin, labor	40.00	
		$4,306.23
Balance, carried forward to new account		278.65

From July 1 to Dec. 31, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand July 1	$ 278.65
Received from county treasurer	3,300 00

From Dow & Roberts, pork and veal . .	$ 62.38	
For board of sundry persons	310.45	
From town of Meredith, board of prisoners,	40.85	
From city of Laconia, " "	167.68	
From county of Belknap, " "	820.00	
For hay sold	54.00	
For goods sold	7.82	
For costs, Horrigan	8.74	
For pigs sold	6.00	
		$ 5,051.57

EXPENDITURES.

Paid box rent	$ .70
For two copies city directory . . .	3.00
J. M. Hubbard, shoes	4.30
O. D. Brown, supplies	1.55
H. A. Dow, veterinary	2.00
E. P. Thompson, guardian, furniture, etc.	18.10
Pike Manufacturing company . . .	5.50
Manchester Union	1.50
Thompson & Sanborn, thrashing . .	4.20
Oriental Tea company	103.10
Manchester Broom company	6.30
George C. Rollins, cutting ensilage .	10.50
J. H. Pierce & Co., groceries	98.30
E. J. Dinsmore, harness repairs . .	14.90
Lewis F. Busiel, cow	50 00
R. N. Davis, repairs on boiler . . .	4 66
Frank Coffin & Co., flour	87.75
Greenough, Adams & Cushing, stat'n'y	6.48
C. H. Martin & Co., medicines . .	28.40
J. P. Clay & Son	13.00
J. W. Follett, paper and hanging same,	4.16

Paid	H. C. Gale, apples	$ 3.60
	City of Laconia, taxes	193.40
	Wallace Bros., masons	4.46
	Laconia Lumber Works	1.92
	Perkins & Titus, shoes	15.30
	W. E. Foster, medicines	39.65
	J. P. Atkinson, groceries	27.11
	Water company	205.26
	O'Shea Bros., dry goods	72.25
	J. L. Roberts, ice	18.35
	Dow & Roberts, meat and provisions,	143.97
	A. F. Brown & Co., harness oil	1.50
	A. H. Lamprey, beef	8.64
	Knight & Robinson, furniture	84.50
	J. H. Story, medicines	76.65
	New England Telephone company	8.50
	McCarthy Bros., dry goods	32.08
	Lougee Bros., dry goods	143.33
	Laconia Hardware company	43.36
	H. J. Phillips, undertaker	17.50
	J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware	14.56
	F. E. Nelson, crockery, etc.	17.99
	Lyman Sanborn, potatoes	38.00
	Orrin Weeks, potatoes	16.00
	Knight & Huntress, dry goods	6.31
	Taylor & Quimby, blacksmithing	6.00
	W. D. Huse, repairs on boiler	5.65
	George A. Sanders, repairs on piping, tinware, etc.	73.95
	John Parker Smith, groceries	36.64
	J. S. Morrill, grain	438.97
	S. D. McGloughlin, blacksmithing	27.26
	R. F. Moore, veterinary	9.50

Paid Rowe Bros., groceries and flour . . .	$ 523.36	
Roxmont market, meat	13.95	
Freight	.25	
O. T. Lougee, clothing	26.89	
Cash, for goods, labor etc.	163.15	
N. Larock, labor	20.00	
Emma Pitman, labor	92.00	
David Green, "	156.00	
J. C. Moses and wife, labor	173.00	
Nellie F. Joslyn, "	106.00	
C. H. Horn, " . . .	105.00	
Bert Goodwin, " . . .	85.00	
Cora H. Thyng, "	30.00	
Arthur D. Thyng, " . . .	50.00	
Ida Batchelder, "	50.50	
W. H. Moulton, "	35.00	
		$3,930.66
Cash on hand, carried forward to 1898 . .		1,125.91

ADDITION TO BARN.

Received from county treasurer		$1,260.99
Paid J. Tatro and two men, building cellar wall	$ 25.24	
Philo Bush, carpenter work	54.00	
W. H. Pearsons, "	32.00	
John H. Boardman, "	36.00	
George T. Tasker, "	41.00	
J. E. Page, framing barn	35.00	
J. E. Page, extra man	17.50	
S. C. Taylor, carpenter work	47.00	
A. J. Storer, "	66.00	
Laconia Hardware company, supplies.	49.32	
W. D. Huse, gas pipe	5.85	

Paid J. F. Smith, lumber	$ 500.95	
G. Cook & Son, finish lumber, clapboards, windows, etc	231.50	
H. C. Batchelder, shingles	51.00	
A. C. Cochran, sand	1.75	
John Parker Smith. cement	7.50	
Wallace Bros., mason work	11.50	
J. C. Moses, labor	11.00	
Eugene Ames, painting	36.88	
		$1,260.99

SUMMARY OF FARM ACCOUNT.

Inventory, Jan. 1, 1897	$ 8,253.43	
Amount paid for provisions, labor, repairs, etc., Jan. 1 to June 30	4 306.23	
Amount paid for provisions, labor, repairs, etc., July 1 to Dec. 31	3,930.66	
C. D. Thyng and wife, salary	800.00	
Interest on investment	11,60.00	
Paid on building addition to barn . . .	$ 1,260.99	
		$19,711.31
Inventory, Dec. 31, 1897	$7,438.36	
Received for board of sundry persons .	471.85	
From town of Tilton, board of prisoners for 1896	46.00	
From town of Meredith, board of prisoners for 1896	40.85	
From City of Laconia, board of prisers for 1895	316.89	
From City of Laconia, board of prisoners for 1896	167.68	
County of Belknap, board of prisoners for 1897	820.00	

Received for sales from farm, labor, etc.	$ 349.74	
For fines	99.79	
Due from City of Laconia, board of prisoners, 1897	231.97	
From town of Tilton, board of prisers, 1897	50.28	
From town of Meredith, board of prisoners, 1897	23.71	
From town of Sanbornton, board of prisoners, 1897	8.57	
Received on barn account	1,260.99	
Cash on hand	1,125.91	
		$12,452.59
Amount for support of inmates, boarders and employes		$ 7,258.72

Number of weeks' support of inmates, boarders and employes, 3762; cost per week, $1.92.

C. D. Thyng, Supt.

INMATES AT BELKNAP COUNTY FARM.

Names.	Town.	Age	Weeks.	Days.
Adams, Margaret	Alton	44	52	1
Ashton, Margaret	Laconia	47	9	2
Batchelder, Charles	Meredith . . .	63	52	1
Burrows, Herbert	Barnstead . . .	43	52	1
Bickford, Rosa	" . .	18	52	1
Bartlett, Israel	Belmont . .	84	19	2
Bush, Edward	Laconia	28	29	0
Barrett, Edward	"	25	4	0
Bunker, Charles	New Hampton .	40	21	5
Black, William	Laconia	0	5	3
Black, Mary	"	31	4	3
Colton, Grace	Sanbornton . .	38	52	1

Names.	Town.	Age.	Weeks.	Days.
Carney, David	Laconia	60	11	5
Carroll, Timothy	"	61	44	3
Dockham, Charles	Meredith	20	3	0
Donovan, Charles	Alton	40	52	1
Dana, Almon	Meredith	40	52	1
Ellis, Sarah	Gilford	70	43	5
Evans, Eva	Laconia	27	52	1
Evans, Caroline D.	"	2	39	1
Edwards, John	"	38	14	0
Elkins, C. W.	Belmont	55	2	2
Fifield, Harriet	New Hampton	50	52	1
Frouley, Margaret	Laconia	51	52	1
Farnham, Lydia	New Hampton	89	52	1
Flanders, Etta	Alton	50	1	0
Gilman, Belle	Gilmanton	29	52	1
Gilman, Anabelle	"	2	52	1
Gilman, Angie	Gilford	20	52	1
Gordon, Mary	New Hampton	78	52	1
Greenough, Etta	Gilmanton	37	15	4
Greenough, Florence	"	4 mo.	15	4
Hubbard, Harriet	Laconia	60	52	1
Hadley, David	"	84	52	1
Harmon, Michael	"	52	22	0
Horn, George	Sanbornton	49	3	0
Horn, Harriet	"	40	3	0
Hammond, George	Alton	29	34	3
Huckins, S. C.	New Hampton	50	11	0
Judkins, Lewis	Belmont	41	52	1
Ladd, Ann	"	59	52	1
Luxman, Annie	"	53	52	1
Merrill, Sallie	Laconia	83	52	1
Nutter, Rebecca	Barnstead	53	52	1
Merchand, Frank	Laconia	62	52	1

Names.	Town.	Age.	Weeks.	Days.
Peavey, Emma	Alton	65	52	1
Parshley, Frank	Barnstead	35	37	3
Page, Jaradine	Meredith	42	21	3
Page, John	"	5	21	3
Rogers, William	"	69	52	1
Rowe, Tamson	Laconia	71	52	1
Sorrell, Moses	"	83	52	1
Shaw, Martha	"	70	52	1
Sumner, Lucy	Belmont	74	52	1
Small, Mary	Gilford	52	52	1
Smith, N. D.	New Hampton	68	52	1
Stackpole, Laura	Meredith	73	52	1
Swain, Kate	"	43	14	2
Swain, Josephine	"	6	5	4
Twombly, Mary	Gilmanton	57	52	1
Tilton, Versile	Tilton	63	19	0
Thompson, Benjamin	Alton	67	52	1
Tarlson, Guy	Laconia	2	16	0
Tarlson, Louisa May	Born at farm	1 mo.	3	5
Weeks, Ann	Gilford	64	52	1
Young, Charles	Alton	55	52	1
Transient		0	7	2

BOARDERS AT FARM.

Dixey, Mary	Sanbornton	63	52	1
Huckins, Hannah	Gilford	48	52	1
Langley, Orlando L	Tilton	57	11	0
Shaw, Joseph	Laconia	90	52	1

C. D. Thyng,
Superintendent Belknap County Farm.

JAILER'S REPORT.

Following is a list of the prisoners confined in the Belknap County jail Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1897:

	WEEKS.	DAYS.
Leland Whiting	14	0
Alvah B. Pike	12	0
Jessie Reynolds	12	0
John McAuley	40	0
Joseph T. Burns	39	0
Frank Herbert	14	0
Thomas Gagnon	14	0
Thomas J. Kenney	12	0
Henry Kouris	12	0
Pat Driscoll	30	0
C. S. Wescott	12	0
J. A. Crawford	12	0
Thomas Riley	1	4
Richard Galagher	0	4
Isadore Currier	3	5
Percy Abbott	3	5
Napoleon Stone	13	0
C. F. Smith	0	5
Michael McKegg	0	5
C. A Dunkley	34	0
Peter Perry	0	4
John Murry	8	0
C. F. Patrick	18	3
Wilder Vannah	30	0
August Tauser	13	3
C. A Sanborn	0	2
John H. Bacon	21	1
C. H. Davis	18	2
Rosa Tarlson	16	0

	WEEKS.	DAYS.
Robert G. Dewhurst	7	4
Frank Day	5	0
Dolly Jennis	4	2
Elbridge Ladd	7	4
Henry Nichols	4	2
Tom Larock	11	2
George Woodward	4	2
John Dolan	7	0
Peter Maltais	4	2
Noel Larock	7	0
Number in jail Jan. 1, 1897	14	
Number admitted during the year	25	
Number in jail Dec. 31, 1897	7	
Number of weeks' board		470

C. D. Thyng, Deputy Jailer.

HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

Gentlemen:—The following is a list of persons committed to the House of Correction for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897:

	WEEKS.	DAYS.
James Brady	13	0
John Monahan	5	1
William Barrett	4	1
Charles Merrill	21	1
Moses Lasantra	26	0
James Langevain	5	4
Edward Evans	23	0
George Dow	14	0
Noel Larock	14	2
George Maynard	3	0

	WEEKS.	DAYS.
George Conley	1	5
Charles Perry	27	2
Pasquale Anable	6	5
James Horrigan	7	5
Sylvester Pickering	1	4
George Bachant	0	4
Patsey O'Shea	3	3
William Moulton	5	4
John Sullivan	5	4
Thomas Larock	20	5
Ernest Booth	1	5
John Ames	10	0
David Swain	14	2
C W. Winn	1	5
James Duff	4	1
George Norton	0	4
Luke Bree	0	4

Number in House of Correction Jan. 1, 1897 . . . 4
Number admitted during the year 28
Number in House of Correction Dec. 31, 1897 . . 6

Number of weeks board furnished, 243 weeks and 1 day.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE BELKNAP COUNTY FARM.

1 yoke oxen	$ 125.00
1 bull	35.00
3 cows	130.00
5 red cows	175.00
9 black and red cows	300.00
2 cows	40.00

3 heifers	$ 60.00	
2 heifers	30.00	
5 yearlings	60.00	
5 calves	50.00	
3 small calves	15.00	
1 horse, Tom	50.00	
2 horses, Chub and Prince	225.00	
5 fat hogs	85.00	
1 black sow	12.00	
7 store hogs	75.00	
2 brood sows	20.00	
4 shotes	16 00	
10 pigs	30.00	
100 hens	50.00	
Wood and lumber	1,250.00	
55 tons hay	660.00	
5 tons straw	30.00	
Ensilage	50.00	
150 bushels ears of corn	40.00	
50 bushels oats	15.00	
2 barrels pop corn	6.00	
1 barrel carrots	1.50	
1000 pounds cabbage	10.00	
Grain and feed	167.15	
Provisions	261.87	
Farming tools	665.60	
Household furniture	1,778.37	
Dry goods	143.07	
Miscellaneous articles	776.80	
		$7,438.36

Clerk's Report.

To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

I herewith submit an itemized account of all my receipts and disbursements as Clerk.

MARCH TERM, 1897.

Dr.

To cost State vs. Cottrell	$ 8.82
3 law dockets sold	3.00
20 trial dockets sold	40.00
One-half cost printing case	7.11
121 civil entries	108.90
Fine and cost State vs. Currier	252 74
Order on Treasurer to balance	124.28
	$ 544.85

Cr.

By cash paid for carting books	$ .50
1 day's attendance	3.00
Cash paid Ex. on papers, etc.	.35
1 day's attendance at Concord	5.00
1 " "	3.00
Paid Ex. on law dockets	.15
C. Maher	.72
Telegram	.33
Annotations Pub. Stat	2.00
Thompson & Hogue	1.35
Ira C Evans (Dec. 4)	5.60

1 day's attendance at Plymouth	$ 5.00
1 " "	3.00
Paid bill Laconia Press association	102.00
Bill, Lewis, Vaughan & Co.	18.00
Bill, Stockbridge & Sanders	8.25
32 state entries	9.60
6 months allowance	350.00
9 days' attendance	27.00
	$544.85

SEPTEMBER TERM, 1897.

Dr.

To balance fine and costs State vs. Currier	$ 10.00
2 law dockets sold	2.00
20 trial dockets sold	40.00
One-half cost printing cases	2.50
134 entries, at .90	120.60
5 jury fees	25.00
Cost State vs. Smith, Devins & McKeag	70.00
Order on Treasurer	511.17
	$781.27

Cr.

By Paid express and eraser	$ .50
" on dockets and index	.50
Stockbridge & Sanders	7 50
C. Maher	.32
Express	.15
Recording judgments, M. T., 1895	53.86
" " S. T., 1895	41.19
" " M. T., 1896	41.47
" " S. T., 1896	43.55
Ira C. Evans	4.00

By Paid for pens	$ 2.50
Express on card index case	.75
for pens	1.45
Ex. on cards	.40
Gum Arabec	.25
H. O. Burleigh	7.50
Library Bureau	7.60
Annotations	1.00
47 State entries	14.10
6 months allowance	300.00
Paid bill Frank L. Sanders	6.40
bill Laconia Press Asso.	117.75
bill F. W. Story	3.66
bill T. S. Buck	2.87
bill F. G. Beaman	7.00
bill Laconia Post Office	11.00
18 days' attendance	54.00
	$781.27

E. P. Thompson, County Clerk.

Solicitor's Report.

Agreeable to the Public Statutes for the state of New Hampshire, and in common with the remainder of the county officers for the county of Belknap, I was inducted into the office of solicitor for said county upon the first day of April, 1897.

Hon. W. B. Fellows, the retiring officer, who for many years has efficiently filled the office of solicitor for the county, had charge of the grand jury and the criminal business of the county for the March term, 1897. I find, by consulting the court docket, the following was the record of the indictments, together with the continned cases, and disposit ion of the same :

Continued cases		5
Disposed of:		
Nol prossed	2	
Not to be brought forward	3	
		— 5
Indictments this term :		
Arson	2	
Larceny	5	
Breaking, entering and larceny	11	
False pretenses	2	
Willful trespass	1	
Spirituous and malt liquors	11	
		—32

Disposed of:

Continued 6

Guilty and sentenced to state prison, breaking, entering and larceny 16

Guilty and sentenced, mittimus not to issue, liquor, breaking and entering 3

Guilty and sentenced, paid, liquor 7

—32

Appeals:

Trial and sentence 1

Continued 1

— 2

At the September term, 1897, the county was favored with a strong and intelligent grand jury, which materially assisted me in the performance of my newly acquired duties. The following is a record of the continued docket, also the indictments presented, together with their disposition:

Continued cases 7

Disposed of:

Continued 3

Not to be brought forward 2

Guilty, sentenced, paid, liquor 1

Recognizance called and forfeited 1

— 7

Indictments this term:

Adultery 2

Bigamy 1

Bawdy house 1

False pretenses 4

Larceny 5

Rape 2

Tramp 1

Spirituous and malt liquors 31

—47

Disposed of:

Continued	8
Guilty and sentenced to state prison, tramp	1
" " jail, aggravated assault, larceny, adultery and false pretenses	5
Guilty and sentenced, mittimus not to issue, etc., larceny,	3
" " " " liquor	4
" " " issued since court, bawdy house and liquor	7
Guilty and sentenced, paid, liquor	12
Not to be brought forward	7
	—47

Appeals:

Dismissed	2
Guilty, sentenced and paid	1
	— 3

In addition to the above criminal prosecutions, complaint having been made to me of the open violation of the liquor laws of the state in the city of Laconia and town of Tilton, I at once instituted prosecutions in my own name as solicitor, before the sitting of the grand jury for September, and in one or two cases I felt called upon to accompany the officers in Sunday raids. As a result of these complaints five disreputable places have been closed, and I have collected for the use of the county, in fines before magistrates, for violation of the liquor laws, the sum of $180.50.

In the matter of the claim of the New Hampshire Insane Asylum for the support of an insane person trausferred from the prison to the asylum, the Supreme court has decided in favor of the county.

F. M. Beckford, County Solicitor.

Laconia, Dec. 31, 1897.

Sheriff's Report.

Supreme Court Expenses—March Term, 1897.

Paid B. R. Dearborn, Sheriff, 9 days attendance		$27.00	
B. R. Dearborn, travel		1.20	
Rev. G. H. Rice, chaplain		1.00	
Fees, mittimus No. 938		3.40	
" " 940		9.00	
" " 941		9.00	
" " 942		9.00	
" " 943		9.00	
" " 944		9.00	
" " 945		9.00	
" " 946		9.00	
" " 947		9.00	
" " 948		9.00	
" " 949		9.00	
" " 950		8.50	
" " 951		8.50	
" " 952		8.50	
" " 953		8.50	
" " 954		8.50	
" " 955		8.50	
Paid C. D. Thyng, bill for turnkey fee and conveyance of prisoners	$ 13.80		
Philbrook Bros., teams		7.25	
			$194.65

Paid Charles F. Locke, Deputy 9 days attendance	$22.50	
2 miles travel	.24	
		$22.74
Lester Philbrook, Deputy, 9 days attendance	$22.50	
1 mile travel	.12	
4 trips to jail	4.00	
1 day attendance adjourned term Nov. 1, 1896	2.50	
		$29.12
Edward M. Drake, Deputy, 9 days attendance	$22.50	
10 miles travel	1.20	
2 trips to jail	2.00	
		$25.70
Calvin Jenkins, Deputy, 4 days attendance	$10.00	
20 miles travel	2.40	
3 trips to jail	3.00	
		$15.40
Total for March term		$287.61

September Term, 1897.

Paid C.F. Locke, Sheriff, 18 days attendance	$54.00	
2 miles travel	.24	
Rev. C. A. G. Thurston, Chaplain	1.00	
Philbrook Bros., team to jail	5.00	
C. D. Thyng, Jailer's fees and carrying prisoners	24.50	
F. O. Wallace & Son, board of jury, prisers and keepers	15.00	

Paid Fees, mittimus, State vs. Tauser . . .	$13.38	
" No. 982	3.14	
" " 983	3.14	
" " 984	3.14	
" " 985	3.14	
" " 977	3.14	
Meals for prisoner and keeper	1.00	
		$129.82
Calvin Jenkins, Deputy, 11 days attendance	$27.50	
4 trips to jail	4.00	
32 miles travel	1.92	
		$33.42
Ellis Gardner, Deputy, 10 days attendance	$25.00	
1 trip to jail	1.00	
7 miles travel	.84	
		$26.84
A. V. Locke, Deputy, 18 days attendance	$45.00	
2 miles travel	.24	
		$45.24
Edmund Page, Deputy, 1 days attendance	$2.50	
10 miles travel	1.20	
		$3.70
John M. Flanders, Deputy, 10 days attendance	$25.00	
14 miles travel	1.68	
3 trips to jail	3.00	
		$29.68
E. M. Drake, Deputy, 18 days attendance	$45.00	
10 miles travel	1 20	
1 trip to jail	1.00	
		$47 20
Total for September term		$315.90

Adjourned Term, Nov, 8, 1897.

Paid Charles F. Locke, Sheriff, 6 days attendance	$18.00	
2 miles travel	.24	
		$18.24
A. V. Locke, Deputy, 6 days attendance	$15.00	
2 miles travel	.24	
		$15.24
Total for adjourned term		$33.48

Twenty-five prisoners have been committed to jail during the year.

Number of prisoners in jail Dec. 31, 1897, seven.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. LOCKE, Sheriff.

Physician's Report.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners and Citizens of Belknap County:

I herewith submit my annual report as visiting physician to the Belknap county farm. There have been five deaths during the year, to-wit: Israel Bartlett, aged 84 years, and Sarah Ellis, aged 71 years, paralysis; Caroline D. Evans, aged 2 years, meningitis; George Horne, aged 49 years, insanity; Versile Tilton, aged 64 years, paralysis. This concludes the deaths. And now, let me say right here, the sick receive the best of care from Mr. and Mrs. Thyng. There has been one birth, the mother serving a sentence in jail. The sanitary conditions at the farm are good.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. Wells, M. D.

Laconia, Jan. 1, 1898.

Treasurer's Report.

Report of M. M. Robinson, Treasurer, for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1897		$17,862.41

COUNTY TAXES.

Town of Alton	$1,680.56	
Barnstead	1 535 68	
Belmont	1,471.94	
Center Harbor	707.00	
Gilford	1,025.72	
Gilmanton	1,471.94	
City of Laconia	13.050.43	
Town of Meredith	2,144.16	
New Hampton	944.59	
Sanbornton	1,321.27	
Tilton	3,146.71	
		$28,500.00

RECEIPTS FROM FINES.

S. W. Rollins, justice fees, State vs. Lizzie Little	$3.00	
S. W. Rollins, justice fees, State vs. Dolly Jenness	3.00	
		$6.00
Lewis A. Sibley, justice fees, State vs. Charles Bean and Willie Ruiter		7.00

F. M. Beckford, State vs. Peter Perry .	$50.00	
" " G. W. Lord .	50.00	
" Complaint and warrant, State vs. G. W. Lord	1.50	
F. M. Beckford, one-half fine, State vs. J. Jeffords, less team hire	24.00	
F. M. Beckford, one-half fine, State vs. Gingrass	5.00	
F. M. Beckford, complaint and warrant, State vs. Gingrass	1.50	
F. M. Beckford, one-half fine, State vs. Plaisted	5.00	
F. M. Beckford, complaint and warrant State vs. Plaisted	1.50	
F. M. Beckford, one-half fine, State vs Ainger	5.00	
F. M. Beckford, complaint and warrant, State vs. Ainger	1.50	
F. M. Beckford, one-half fine, State vs. P. D. Maloney	25.00	
F. M. Beckford, complaint and warrant, State vs. P. D. Maloney	1.50	
F. M. Beckford, three complaints and warrants, State vs. Plaisted	4.50	
F. M. Beckford, three complaints and warrants, State vs. Guay	4.50	
		$180.50
		$193.50

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

Received from commissioners, amount realized from sale of old court house table	$2.00
County of Grafton, refund account of Lewis Brake	61.64

County of Merrimack, refund account of Josie Bruso	$25.20	
County of Merrimack, refund account of Mrs. Bruso	42.45	
County of Merrimack, refund account of paupers	78.71	
Town of Gilmanton, refund account of Samuel Swain	78.61	
Town of Gilmanton, refund account of Mrs. Blanchard	33.00	
Town of Gilmanton, refund account of Mary J. Sleeper	26.00	
George A. Sanders, refund account of Lewis Dockham	8.00	
George A. Sanders, refund account of John Clark	36.00	
City of Laconia, refund account of Mary Severe	14.50	
Joseph F. Smith, refund account of Margaret Belford	13.33	
Joseph F. Smith, 66,620 feet of timber at $3.50 per 1,000	233.17	
C. H. Stevens & Co., 39 85-100 cords of bark	158.67	
		$811.28

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

County tax	$28,500.00	
Fines and costs	193.50	
Miscellaneous receipts	811.28	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1897	17,862.41	
		$47,367.19

EXPENDITURES.

OFFICERS AND AGENTS.

George A. Sanders, services as commissioner from Sept. 21, 1896 to Apr. 1, 1897 . . .	$217.06	
Joseph F. Smith, services as commissioner from Sept. 21, 1896 to Sept. 30, 1897 . .	534.85	
George C. Parsons, services as commissioner from Sept 21, 1896 to Sept. 30, 1897 . .	430.36	
Orrin D. Huse, services as commissioner from Apr. 1, 1897 to Sept. 30, 1897	230.00	
W. B. Fellows, salary as solicitor from Jan. 1, to Apr. 1, 1897	100.00	
F. M. Beckford, salary as solicitor from Apr. 1 to Oct. 1, 1897	200.00	
B. R. Dearborn, salary as sheriff from Oct. 1, 1896 to Apr. 1, 1897	100.00	
C. F. Locke, salary as sheriff from Apr. 1 to Oct. 1, 1897	100.00	
M. M. Robinson, salary as treasurer from Oct. 1, 1896 to Oct. 1, 1897	200.00	
C. D. Thyng, salary as farm superintendent from Jan. 1, 1897, to Jan. 1, 1898 . . .	800.00	
		$2,912.27

COURT EXPENSES.

W. B. Fellows, referee fees in cases Nos. 1872, 1873 and 1874	$3.00
Thomas Cogswell, referee fees, Hamilton vs. Harrington	6.50
F. E. Elder, referee fees, Cassidy vs. Jones .	12.70
N. J. Dyer, referee fees, Lougee Bros. vs. Wingate	5.00

C. B. Hibbard, referee fees, Blair & Morin vs. Carboneau	$25.00
C. B. Hibbard, referee fees, Fowler vs. Dearborn	10.00
Alvin Burleigh, referee fees, Brown vs. McClinton	42.50
C. B. Hibbard, referee fees	10.00
E. A. Hibbard, referee fees, Gale vs. Page & Gale	5.00
G. H. Bingham, referee fees, Smith vs. Chase	57.50
Isaac W. Smith, referee fees, Ashland vs. New Hampton	58.13
Thomas Cogswell, referee fees, Kelley vs. Merrill	60.00
C. B. Hibbard, referee fees, Chating vs. Whitehouse	10.00
W. A. Plummer, referee fees, Emerson vs. Emerson	5.00
W. A. Plummer, referee fees, Libey vs. Wiggin	5.00
E. G. Leach, referee fees, Haddock vs. Dodge	11.00
Thomas Cogswell, referee fees, True vs. Davis	10.00
B. R. Dearborn, sheriff, court expenses, March term	287.61
C. F. Locke, sheriff, court expenses, Sept. term	315.90
C. F. Locke, court expenses, adjourned term	33.48
Pay Roll, Sept. Term, 1895:—	
State vs. E. H. Parsons	1.49
Pay Roll, March Term, 1896:—	
State vs. P. C. Lamprey	6.25
" Willis Cunningham	6.00
" E. E. Letourneau	2.62
" Maggie Terrien	.77

Pay Roll, Sept. Term, 1896:—	
State vs. Centaro Keiffner	$5.55
" William T. Burns	1.37
" Special	1.85
Pay Roll, March Term, 1897:—	
Grand Jurors	97.72
Petit Jurors	137.08
State vs. Richard Gallagher	11.48
" Isadore Currier	11.48
" Thos. J. Canney	22.17
" Jos. P. Currier	35.14
" Henry Kouris	22.17
" Napoleon Stone	11.73
" Percy Abbott	11.48
" Isadore Currier	11.48
" James E. Maloney	4.34
" Special	12.02
" Percy Abbott	6.00
" Jesse Reynolds	18.81
" Jesse Reynolds	5.48
" Alvah Pike	5.48
" Henry Kouris	5.48
" Gallagher, Currier & Abbott . .	19.84
" John A. Crawford	16.36
" Clarence S. Wescott	21.36
" Richard Gallagher	15.30
" Choate, Prescott & Clough . .	28.42
E. P. Thompson, clerk of court, balance due on clerk's account	124.28
Pay Roll, Sept. Term, 1897:—	
Grand Jurors	132.00
Petit Jurors	556.96
State vs. J. D. Guay	29.11

Sate vs.	J. D. Guay	$1.37	
"	Edgar L. Plaisted	9.18	
"	Edgar L. Plaisted	5.78	
"	Noah Guay	13.24	
"	Noah Guay	2.62	
"	Agnes Knapp	52.75	
"	Agnes Knapp	3.78	
"	George A. Plummer	17.26	
"	George A. Plummer	20.68	
"	Jos. B. Ayer	11.10	
"	Charles F. Patrick	42.90	
"	N. J. Guay	35.13	
"	Charles F. Smith	15.89	
"	W. J. Busiel	9.11	
"	George A. Underwood	36.20	
"	Charles A. Duntley	28.49	
"	P. D. Maloney	10.48	
"	Rosella Tarlson	13.35	
"	Fannie Dow	2.37	
"	George A. Sheridan	2.74	
"	Arthur Folsom	11.10	
"	Nason E. Young	22.58	
"	Thomas J. Guay	6.76	
"	John H. Bacon	68.78	
"	T. Belisle	13.90	
"	Michael McKeay	31.01	
"	Thomas Devine	14.04	
"	Charles H. Davis	24.22	
"	Wilder F. Vannah	33.67	
"	Augustus Tauser	67.31	
"	Miscellaneous	17.12	
E. P. Thompson, clerk of court, balance due on clerk's account		511.17	
			$3,528.47

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

J. S. Chase, janitor at court house	$420.00	
" supplies for "	30.89	
		$450.89
F. M. Beckford, legal services, not as solicitor		25.00
N. E. Telephone Co., services at court house		41.95
Citizens " " "		28.25
Laconia Water Works " "		10.00
Winnipesaukee Gas & Electric Light Co., services at court house	24.60	
Winnipesaukee Gas & Electric Light Co., radiator for clerk's office	9.00	
		33.60
Laconia Electric Light Co., service at court house		28.60
Weeks Bros., printing order books	10.00	
" stationery, and printing same	8.25	
" 2000 envelopes, printing same	11.25	
" printing blanks	6.00	
" printing for probate office . . .	14.25	
" printing for sheriff	6.00	
		55.75
Laconia Press Ass'n., printing reports . .	45.00	
" " in Vida William's case	6.70	
" " supplies, reg. of deeds	13.75	
" " supplies, reg. probate	20.95	
" " supplies for treasurer	2.00	
		87.70
Novelty Job Print, supplies for register of probate	14.00	
Novelty Job Print, supplies for register of deeds	1.75	
		15.75

W. H. Jewett, labor on jail		$11.05
P. F. Halohan, "		94.00
Wallace Bros. "		21.65
J. L. Roberts, coal for court house		192.12
G. Cook & Son, brick for jail	$3.24	
" " coal for court house . . .	231.38	
" " supplies, reg. of probate office	3.18	
		237.80
Albert Colby, services as coroner	16.50	
Albert Colby, expenses of inquest on body of James Flack	31.67	
		48.17
George A. Sanders, expenses of auditors for 1896	3.25	
George A. Sanders, winding steam pipes at court house	24.90	
George A. Sanders, paid for printing . . .	2.25	
George A. Sanders, balance of jail repairs .	30.35	
George A. Sanders, plans for boiler house at county farm	10.00	
		70.75
Linnie M. Bean, indexing records		79.50
Mabel Connor, indexing records		78.00
M. B. Plummer, indexing records and supplies for register of deeds office		258.25
W. C. McCloskey, team for commissioners . .		1.25
A. J. Hart & Son, use of teams		8.75
Philbrook Bros., use of teams		3.50
L. S. Perley, repairs on windmill at county farm		14.00
Thomas O'Shea, services as auditor for 1896		6.00
F. W. Towle " "		6.00
H. O. Burleigh, stamps and wrappers . . .		5.00
F. L. Gilman, stamps		5.00

H. A. Morse, printing briefs		$5.50
A. W. Wilcox, moving fixtures at court house		15.35
H. K. W. Scott, recapturing jail prisoners .		69.20
J. F. Harriman, report envelopes	$5.00	
" 1 record book	3.00	
		8.00
Laconia Street Railway, use of barge . . .		5.00
Albion Martin & Howe, attorneys, case of Mary J. Carroll vs. County of Belknap .		69.90
E. H. Rollins, services as auditor for 1894 .		5.00
Dennis O'Shea " " .		5.00
Stockbridge & Sanders, binding records . .		57.00
F. L. Sanders, binding records		8.00
F. G. Beaman, "	8.00	
" indexing record book	1.50	
		9.50
S. C. Frye, recording births and deaths . .		1.20
H. C. Wells, M. D., returns births and deaths at county farm	2.00	
H. C. Wells, M. D., one-half medical contract 1896	37.50	
H. C. Wells, M. D., medical contract 1897,	75.00	
		114 50
H. A. Jones, searching records		1.50
W. B. Fellows, insurance on court house furniture	6.75	
W. B. Fellows, services and expenses, not as solicitor	25.00	
W. B. Fellows, services as magistrate . . .	3.00	
" for E. M. Drake and officers,	6.20	
		40.95
W. D. Sanborn, electric bell at court house,		3.50
C. D. Thyng, account of barn construction .		1,260.99

E. P Thompson, card indexes	$24.00	
" supplies for clerk's office .	6.40	
		$30.40
O. R. Woodman, apprehension and conviction of tramps		10.00
F. A. Young, insurance of county farm bldgs,	330.00	
" postage for register of probate,	11.00	
		341.00
E. M. Tworgy, pens and inkstands		2.00
City Market, supplies for commis'n'rs office,	2.50	
" " court house . .	1.08	
		3.58
George C. Parsons, two mileage books . .	40.00	
" cash paid out	3.50	
		43.50
Page & Story, paint for court house	1.94	
" painting clerk's office . . .	2.00	
		3.94
Joseph F. Smith, mileage	13.88	
" drawing bark	65.00	
		78.88
O. D. Huse, cash paid out		4.00
S. M. Stevens, one-half doz. fire extinguishers		14.60
E. S. Cook, supplies for Reg. of Prob. office,		17.30
B. R. Dearborn, sheriff, ex. for jail breakers,		5.50
Lougee Bros., chair for clerk's office . . .		4.50
Olin L. Philbrook, street sprinkling		5.00
C. F. Locke, repairs on jail	93.21	
" mileage book	20.00	
" paint for county farm buildings,	72.35	
		185.56
F. Carl Merrill, repairs on organ at county farm		2.00

George B. Cox, one-half fines State vs. P. D. Maloney	$25.00
N. G. Plummer, tax on land in Meredith	12.03
A. L. Davis, repairs on court house	83.29
E. F. Woodman, one ream bill paper	3.75
	$4,474.20

JAIL ACCOUNT,

C. D. Thyng, superintendent, board of jail prisoners, $ 820.00

INTEREST ON BONDS.

Sixty court house bond coupons, due Jan. 1,		$600.00	
Twenty refunding "	"	400.00	
" " "	July 1,	400.00	
Fifty-nine court house "	"	590.00	
			$1,990.00

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount of receipts $47,367.19

DISBURSEMENTS.

County officers and agents	$ 2,912.27	
Court expenses	3,528.47	
Support of external poor	14,593.48	
Farm use	7,050.00	
Support of jail prisoners	820.00	
Miscellaneous expenses	4,474.20	
Interest on bonds	1,990.00	
Cash on hand	11,998.77	
		$47,367.19

COUNTY DEBT.

60 Court House Bonds	$30,000.00
20 Refunding Bonds	20,000.90
Total	$50,000.00

MARK M. ROBINSON, County Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. P. THOMPSON, }
A. J. PILLSBURY, } Auditors.

Laconia, N. H., Jan. 15, 1898.

Auditors' Report.

To the Citizens of Belknap County:

The legislature of 1897 enacted a law that "the supreme court on or before the first day of April annually . . . shall appoint two auditors . . . who shall once in three months audit the accounts of the county commissioners, superintendent of the county farm, and county treasurer in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 24, of the Public Statutes," and "the auditors shall also audit . . . the bills of the county commissioners for services and expenses and report their findings to the court." The law also provides that the audit may be semi-annually or annual at the discretion of the court.

In accordance with this law the supreme court appointed the undersigned auditors for Belknap county and directed them to audit semi-annually.

We have performed the duties assigned to us and submit to the consideration of the taxpayers of the county the reports which we have made to the supreme court.

To the Supreme Court:

The undersigned, auditors appointed by the supreme court for the County of Belknap, have attended to the duties of their appointment, and submit the following report:

We have examined the several accounts of the county commissioners, for services and expenses from April 1 to July 1, 1897, the court having already examined, allowed and paid

the account of the commissioners from January 1 to April 1, and are of the opinion that the sums charged for services are for time actually spent in the business of the county, and that the sums charged for expenses are reasonable. A considerable part of the charges for services and expenses are incurred in attending to county business in places other than at their office in the court house and county farm, and it is impossible for the auditors or any one else to verify the charges, but on an examination of the bills, however, the auditors are satisfied that they are as small as could reasonably be expected.

We have also examined the accounts of the treasurer and find that he had on hand January 1, 1897, $17,862.41, and has received from various sources the sum of $1,015.64, making the total receipts $18,878 03, and has paid out on orders from the county commissioners $14,364.87, and on orders from the supreme court $1,460.46, and interest on court house and refunding bonds $1,000, making in all the sum of $16,825.33, leaving in his hands a balance of $3,052.72 on July 1. We find the treasurer's books neat and in good order, the accounts well kept, and proper vouchers for all sums paid out. We have also compared the orders paid by the treasurer with the record of orders drawn by the county commissioners, and find that they agree, and that the treasurer has paid all orders drawn by them.

We have also examined the accounts of the superintendent of the county farm and find that he has received from the county treasurer and other sources the sum of $4,584.88, and has paid out $4,306.23, leaving a balance in his hands July 1 of $278.65, and we certify that the accounts are correct and well vouched, and that the sums charged therein for articles purchased are according to the market value, and, in our opinion, such articles have been used for the benefit of the county.

We have also examined the books of the county commis-

sioners, and find that the commissioners have drawn orders on the treasurer aggregating $14,364.87, of which $7,761.10 was for the support of poor off the farm, divided among towns as follows:

Alton	$566.85
Barnstead	118.75
Belmont	110.50
Center Harbor	19.00
Gilford	242.59
Gilmanton	447.77
Laconia	4,826.94
Meredith	644.87
New Hampton	252.04
Sanbornton	249.47
Tilton	282 32
Total	$7,761.10

The sum of $6,603.77 was drawn on orders for the following purposes:

Farm use	$4,036.25
Repair of jail	157.05
Salaries and sheriff	987.61
Indexing register of deeds	357.50
Court house	616.84
Other miscellaneous	444.42
Total	$6,603.77

From a reference to the above it will be seen that the county paid for support of external poor in the city of Laconia the sum of $4 826.90 for six months. In this connection it might be worth while for the commissioners to consider whether it would not be cheaper and better for them to buy goods and

provisions at wholesale with which to supply the needs of the county farm, and furnish from that stock as much of the goods and provisions to those off the farm in need of such assistance as could be delivered cheaply and economically, than to give the trade to private individuals, many of whom are overseers of the poor and supply the needy from their own stores, with the county as a sure paymaster each month.

The auditors are of the opinion, and would recommend, that the commissioners should purchase all supplies for the county, at the farm or elsewhere, and that the commissioners furnish such supplies, as far as practicable, to the poor off the farm.

In their methods of keeping accounts and performing the office business the commissioners have driven in the same path as their predecessors, and as each successive board has followed the same path there has not been much improvement. The auditors are satisfied that all the orders drawn by the commissioners were drawn in good faith to the parties named in the orders, and they furnish the auditors with what purports to be receipts or receipted bills for the amount of each order drawn. The bills for the most part were not itemized, and very indefinite, many bills being like the following: "Flour, .50; tea, .13; sugar, .18; butter, .50; $1.31." Neither the auditors or any one else can tell whether the prices charged are market prices or not, and we are of the opinion that the commissioners ought to refuse to pay all such bills until properly made out.

The auditors also find a great many receipts for a certain sum of money, but without any definite statement as to what the money is for; and also find a great many receipts signed by one of the commissioners instead of the party to whom the order is drawn. The receipts in all cases should be signed by the parties to whom the order is drawn.

We find that the overseers of the poor of the various towns

furnish assistance and authorize others to do so, and each month gather up the bills unreceipted, and bring them to the county commissioners for payment, giving to the commissioners their receipts for the total of all bills. We think the practice should cease, and that the overseer should pay all bills and bring them in receipted. In this connection we find one bill where the overseer of the poor has given credit on the bill for money paid him on a previous bill for the aid of different people from those mentioned in the bill, and credited because it was not paid to the first applicant for aid by reason of their having received a pension.

Certainly if the commissioners had insisted that all overseers of the poor should pay all bills for supplies furnished before the commissioners would draw their order to the overseer for the same, no such unusual business transaction would have occurred. The taxpayers must remember that the overseers of the poor are not county officers, and that the commissioners have no authority over them.

Certainly no prudent business man would think of paying bills for supplies sold him unless the quantity was given in the bill so he could compare the amount delivered with the amount charged for. We think all parties furnishing any supplies for the county or county charges, should be required to comply with ordinary business methods and that the commissioners should refuse to pay any bills unless properly made out.

From an examination of the vouchers the auditors find that the sum of $615.97 has been paid for rent for various persons between Jan. 1 and July 1. We think no bills for rent should be paid unless the commissioners have first investigated the case and directed the hiring of the tenement.

The commissioners have filed with the auditors a sworn statement, which is hereunto appended, of all bills outstanding July 1, the amount of which is very small.

The auditors would recommend that the law be so changed that all county paupers, whether on or off the farm, should be under the sole control of the county commissioners, instead of the overseers of the poor, as they now are.

E. P. THOMPSON, } Auditors of
A. J. PILLSBURY, } Belknap County.

Laconia, N. H., Aug. 18, 1897.

To the Supreme Court:

We submit herewith our second semi-annual report of the audit of the several accounts as required by law.

We have examined the several accounts of the county commissioners for services and expenses from July 1, 1897, to January 1, 1898, and are of the opinion that the sums charged for services are for time actually spent in the business of the county and that the sums charged for expenses are reasonable.

We have also examined the accounts of the treasurer, from which it appears that he had on hand July 1, 1897, $2,052.72, and that his receipts from taxes and other sources have been $28,489.14, making the total amount of cash $30,541.86. It also appears that he has paid out orders issued by the county commissioners, $14,709.80. On orders issued by the court, $2,843.29, and coupons of the court house and refunding bonds $990.00, making the total payments $18,543.09, which leaves a balance in his hands Jan. 1, 1898, of $11,998.77. The treasurer produced proper vouchers for all payments made by him. We have also compared the orders paid by the treasurer with the records of orders drawn by the county commissioners and find that they agree, and that the treasurer has paid all orders drawn by them.

We have also examined the accounts of the superintendent of the county farm and find that his total receipts from the county treasurer and other sources, including the cash on hand July 1, of $278.65, has been $5,056.57, and that he has paid $3,930.66, leaving a balance of cash in his hands Jan. 1, 1898, of $1,125.91, and we certify that the accounts are correct and well vouched and that the sums charged therein for articles purchased are according to the market value and in our opinion such articles have been used for the benefit of the county.

In our July report we recommended that the commissioners should purchase all supplies for the county at the farm or elsewhere. We see no reason at this time for changing our recommendation and have been unable to find in the statute any law giving the commissioners the right to delegate to the superintendent the authority to handle any of the county's money.

We have also examined the books of the county commissioners and find that they have drawn orders on the treasurer amounting to $14,709.80, of which $6,832.38 was for the support of the poor off the farm, divided among towns as follows:

Alton	$1,128.50
Barnstead	142.35
Belmont	156.46
Center Harbor	88.50
Gilford	239.04
Gilmanton	508.23
Laconia	3,072.95
Meredith	484.30
New Hampton	64.90
Sanbornton	404.26
Tilton	242.89
Total	$6,832.38

They have also drawn orders amounting to $7,877.42 for various purposes as follows:

Farm use	$3,519.13
Repairs of jail and board of prisoners	916.45
Salaries of sheriff and deputies	1,149.38
Court house	840.14
Addition to barn	1,260.99
Other miscellaneous	191.33
Total	$7,877.42

The commissioners exhibited vouchers for all orders drawn by them corresponding in amount to each order.

We would renew our suggestion "that the commissioners should refuse to pay any bills unless properly made out" and that they should require a receipt signed by the party to whom the money is paid, rather than to have a receipt signed by one of the commissioners for that party.

The auditors find an improvement in the bills over the voucher of the first six months. They are aware that it would be impracticable to change in one month or even a longer time, from the very loose methods which the overseers of the poor and others have had in making up their bills and statements to a method that would be sanctioned by a business man, and think that perhaps improvement has been made as fast as could be expected.

The auditors would call attention to the recommendations in their report of last July as stating the situation as it appears to them, to which they do not wish to add anything. They can only say that which appeared wrong to them then, in so far as it has not been corrected, appears wrong to them now, and that there should be no relaxation of the requirements neces-

sary to a thorough business-like administration of the county affairs.

The commissioners have filed with the auditors a sworn statement, which is hereunto appended, of all bills outstanding January 1, 1898, the amount of which is $319.99.

E. P. THOMPSON, }
A. J. PILLSBURY, } Auditors.